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LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government proposes to allot petrol pumps along the roads having heavy traffic in rural areas;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the Government also proposes to make allotment of more kerosene agencies in these rural areas; and

(d): if so, the district-wise details of kerosene outlets allotted in rural areas of Maharashtra during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): New Retail Outlets (ROs) are set up by the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) at identified locations having sufficient potential and found to be economically viable. ROs at rural areas are intended to cater to the needs of farmers, agriculturists and other consumers of petrol and diesel in the rural areas. Such ROs are set up with the intention of reaching product predominantly HSD ensuring quality and at the correct price in far-flung areas to meet the rural agricultural demand.

(c) : Based on the feedback on difficulties faced on distribution of PDS SKO in the market, including rural areas, to the genuine customers, feasibility studies for setting up new kerosene dealership are carried out. If found feasible, further action with regard to development of such agencies in a transparent manner are taken by OMCs.

(d): OMCs have not allotted any kerosene dealership in rural areas of Maharasthra during the last three years.